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Mr. Robert Nagell  
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Dear Bob:

Upon my return to Washington and reflection about the events of last week when we met, I thought it was important for me to write to you for several reasons.

First, I would like to take this opportunity to again express my sincere condolences over the death of your father. I know that the death of a parent is always difficult, even under the best of circumstances. I only hope that I would be able to conduct myself with the dignity and composure that I saw in you.

Second, please accept my apologies for having to be present at the apartment for what should have been a more private time. All of us associated with the Review Board, particularly me, personally feel very bad about the fact that our mandate required us to take some action upon your father's death.

To the best of my ability, I attempted to be respectful of you and the memory of your father. I hope I succeeded to some degree.

Third, I want to personally thank you for all of your cooperation and kindness to me. I believe that you, Dee and Larry went out of your way to help me do my job. Again, this was particularly impressive because of the difficult and unusual circumstance under which I was there. To me, the fact that you gave me a ride back to my hotel really was representative of your kindness. Thank you.

Fourth, I hope you will stay in touch and advise us of any developments related to our work. I think it is clear that if your father left records behind which shed any light on the assassination of President Kennedy, he wanted them to be preserved and made available to the American public. We would

ensure that would happen.

Finally, I wish you the best in clearing up your father's affairs. Let me also say it was a pleasure to meet you. I only wish that it was under different circumstances. Again, thank you for all of your assistance. Please stay in touch and let me know if there is anything we can do for you.

Sincerely,

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